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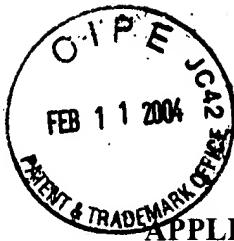
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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TOTAL CLAIMS*	22	22	0	x 9 =	\$0	x 18 =	\$0
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